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**FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
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**The Honorable William Heffner
United States House of Representatives
Washington, D.C 20510**

Dear Mr. Heffner,

I am retired and enjoy the building and flying of remote controlled model aircraft in the three to eight pound class. I have been interested in aviation since very early childhood. I am currently the club president of the Cabbarus RC Modelers.

I am most concerned about the proposed rules currently under consideration by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). That is, PR Docket 92-235 which, if adopted, will greatly reduce the usage of frequencies currently allotted for model use and increase the risk of accidents and liability for controlling model airplanes.

Currently we are successfully sharing the 72-76 Mhz band with private land mobile dispatch operations because the channels are far enough apart to permit operation without interference.

Now the FCC wants to create more land mobile frequencies by splitting them into narrower bandwidths and rearranging the band plan. Of the 50 frequencies currently assigned model aircraft, only 19 would remain if the new rules are adopted.

This could obsolete the seven systems I now use for controlling models, worth just under one thousand dollars.

I do not think it is wise of the FCC to seek to improve the operating

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RICHMOND COUNTY MODELERS ASSOCIATION
Richmond County, North Carolina

The Honorable Bill Hefner
U. S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20510

Feb. 10, 1993

Subject: PR Docket 92-235

Dear Mr. Hefner:

I am a member of a local club who enjoys building and flying radio controlled model airplanes. I spent many hours and dollars in this hobby along with my fellow club members. We are very concerned about the proposed rules that are currently

January 31, 1993

The Honorable Bill Hefner
United States Senate
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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
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Re: PR Docket 92-235

Dear Senator Hefner:

I am very concerned about proposed rules that are currently under consideration by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). The proceeding is PR Docket 92-235. If adopted, the new rules will greatly reduce the usability of frequencies currently assigned for model use and increase the risk of accidents and attendant liability for controlling model airplanes.

Our radio control frequencies are in the 72 - 76 MHz band. This band is primarily used for private land mobile dispatch operations. However, our radio control frequencies in this band are far enough apart from the land mobile frequencies that we have been able to share the band without either interfering with other.

Now the FCC wants to create more land mobile frequencies by splitting them into narrower bandwidths and rearranging the band plan. As a result, many land mobile frequencies will move closer to the radio control frequencies and cause interference to radio control operations. I am told that of the 50 frequencies that are presently available for radio control of model airplanes, only 19 frequencies will be left if these new rules are adopted.

When we fly our model airplanes under radio control, we go to great lengths to assure the safety of operators and bystanders and the protection of property. Many of our safety precautions involve the careful coordination and use of the radio control frequencies. If the number of usable frequencies is diminished as proposed by the FCC, the remaining frequencies will become congested and the margin of safety will be greatly decreased.

Please understand that many model airplanes have wing spans up to 10 feet and weigh as much as 30 or 40 pounds. The models themselves are expensive to build; but more to the point. They are capable of causing property damage, serious injury, or even death if radio interference causes the operator to lose control of the craft. We often fly our models at organized events and contest where hundreds of operators participate. We need the use of our full complement of radio frequencies in order to assure a safe flying environment.

I do not think it is wise of the FCC to seek to improve the operating conditions of land mobile radio users at the expense of radio control modelers. The FCC may not think we are as businessusers of radios, but we have a considerable investment in our models and our radio equipment. The hobby provides many hours of enjoyment to thousands of people like myself and contributes to the advancement and development of the commercial aviation industry.

please help me continue the safe enjoyment of my pastime by not allowing the FCC to carry out its proposals for the 72 - 76 MHz band.

Sincerely,

Cloyd L. Dobson, Jr.

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